

Remarks

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for finding claims 1 and 2 allowable. Applicants have also amended rejoined claim 5 to depend from claim 2.

Claims 3, 4 and 6 have been canceled.

Applicants respectfully request that the objection to rejoined claim 5 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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